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April 29, 2003

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly, add claim 36.

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36.

In a fragmenting rotor assembly for waste wood and other fragmentable material:

- a. a drive shaft and mechanism for driving said shaft in a direction of rotation, said drive shaft incorporating axially spaced radially projecting spacers along its axis;
- b. a series of radially projecting hammers situated along the axis of said shaft on said spacers and powered by said shaft, the hammers having a heads with a leading face portion and a trailing face portion extending radially outward of said spacers;
- c. fragmenting knives removably secured to said leading portions of said

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In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003, applicant has carefully reviewed the claims in the application and the Examiner's reasons for requiring restriction to one of three groups of claims. Applicant further notes that a new claim, which apparently should bear numeral 32, but was identified as claim 36, was added in the preliminary amendment. A copy of this preliminary amendment is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience. It is believed this claim would be included in the claims of group III, claims 19-22, in view of its similarity to claim 19.

Provisionally, in the event the Examiner does not withdraw the restriction requirement, applicant elects the

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